

Sinclair Broadcasting's decision to force their stations to air a partisan anti-Kerry documentary days before the election would be an egregious abuse of public airwaves, even if the basic facts alleged were slightly credible. But the fact that the content of the "documentary" consists of demonstrable lies that can be easily refuted by the government's own documentation and by unimpeachable witnesses, and the fact that Sinclair's characterization of this false propaganda as "news" denies the other side equal time to present that documentary, empties the phrase "public airwaves" of any and all meaning.

Sinclair's actions demonstrate clearly why media ownership rules should be strengthened. The license renewal process is too easy when crooks like these are able to get away with scams like this one. Thank you.